a plurality of first connectors for receiving a plurality of first modules, said plurality of first connectors being arranged in parallel with each other and longitudinally with respect to the length of said device <u>plane</u>, and being mounted to said communication device <u>plane</u> substantially centrally thereon, each of said first connectors extending so as to substantially cover the length of said device <u>plane</u>;

a plurality of second connectors for receiving a plurality of second modules, said second connectors being substantially parallel to said first connectors and being mounted to said communication device <u>plane</u> in groups on both sides fo said plurality of first connectors such that two of said groups on each side may be disposed longitudinally with respect to each other.

- 2. (currently amended). A The plane according to claim 1, wherein, when said first and second modules are connected thereto, the layout of the modules on said device plane is substantially H-shaped.
- 3. (currently amended). A <u>The</u> plane according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of second connectors is arranged in such a manner as to allow for maximum module densities.
- 4. (currently amended). A <u>The</u> plane according to claim 1 wherein said plurality of second connectors is disposed in a staggered arrangement on the communication device <u>plane</u>, allowing for maximum densities of alternating modules in a front row and a back row.
- 5. (currently amended). ★ <u>The</u> plane according to claim 1 wherein the length of the device <u>plane</u> is less than twice the length of one of said second modules.
- 6. (currently amended). A The according to claim 1 further comprising:
 a plurality fo third connectors for receiving a plurality of third modules, said
 plurality of third connectors being arranged such that they are co-linear with said first modules.